

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

BEING THE

**REPORTS**

OF THE VARIOUS

**PUBLIC OFFICERS  
DEPARTMENTS AND  
INSTITUTIONS**

FOR THE TWO YEARS

**JULY 1, 1926 - JUNE 30, 1928**

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, 1926-28

(Explanatory Note)

Three reports in this volume cover periods in variance with the given biennium. They are as follows:

1. The report of the Attorney General covers the period from 1924 to 1928.
2. The report of the Bangor State Hospital covers the period from 1919 to 1928.
3. The report of the department of Inland Fisheries and Game covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928. No printed report was made for the fiscal year ending in 1927.

# STATE OF MAINE

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## REPORT

OF THE

# ATTORNEY-GENERAL

FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDING

JUNE 30, 1926

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PRESS OF MERRILL & WEBBER CO.  
AUBURN, MAINE

July 15, 1925.

*Hon. Charles E. Gurney, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission,  
Augusta, Maine.*

DEAR BROTHER GURNEY: In your letter of July 14th, referring to Chapter 167 of the Public Laws of 1925, you ask whether: "Section 6, which requires the keeping of accurate records and other statistics of operation, becomes effective at once, or whether it, like the provisions 'applying to registration of motor vehicles and trailers' enumerated from Section 7 to 14, does not become effective until January 1st, 1926?"

Section 16 of said Chapter provides "this act shall apply to registration of motor vehicles and trailers for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six and for subsequent years, but not for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five."

The provisions of the act relating to registration are contained in sections subsequent to Section 6, consequently, it is my opinion that the provisions of Section 6, became effective July 11th.

Had it been the legislative intent to apply the provisions of Section 16 to Section 6, it is fair to infer that the usual words would have been used, "This act shall not take effect (or become effective) until January 1, 1926."

Yours very truly,

SANFORD L. FOGG,

*Deputy Attorney General.*

April 27, 1926.

*Hon. Charles E. Gurney, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission,  
Augusta, Maine.*

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of the 15th, inst., in which you ask for an interpretation of certain provisions of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1923, as amended by Chapter 167 of the Public Laws of 1925, in respect to the following:

"'A' is employed in a mill ten miles from his home. He is the owner of a seven passenger Buick. On days when the mill is operating he goes to his work taking with him as fellow passengers six of his neighbors who are fellow workmen in the same mill. They pay him for such service a price agreed upon,